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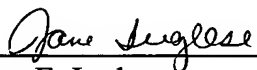
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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

A Request for Continued Examination was filed for the present application on January 5, 2004, in which Applicants sought entry of claims 34 to 54, which Applicants had previously sought to add to the application in an amendment filed by facsimile on August 19, 2003. The amendment filed August 19, 2003 was not entered, and may not have been received by the Patent Office. A Notice of Allowance was issued for the application on February 24, 2004, indicating that claims 1 and 32 had been allowed, but not indicating that claims 34 to 54 had been entered. Accordingly, Applicants request entry of claims 34 to 54.

In addition, the Notice of Allowance indicates that references 53 to 60, 69, and 70, listed on the 1449 Form submitted to the Patent Office in connection with an Information Disclosure Statement filed with the Request for Continued Examination on January 5, 2004, were not considered by the Examiner because copies of the references were not submitted to the Patent Office. Enclosed is a copy of the date-stamped return post card indicating that all the references listed on the Form 1449 filed January 5, 2004 were received by the Patent Office on January 5, 2004. Courtesy copies of references 53 to 60, 69, and 70 and a clean Form 1449 are being submitted herewith. Applicants respectfully ask the Examiner to consider references 53 to 60, 69, and 70 and to return an initialed copy of the Form 1449 to their undersigned representative.

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